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PETROLEUM, SHALE, AND PEAT INDUSTRIES INCREASE OUTPUT

PETROLEUM WORKERS REPORT PROGRESS -- Krasnaya Zvezda, No 68, 23 Mar 49

Workers of the "Malgobekneft" Petroleum Trust, North Osetiya ASSR, exceeded the 1948 plan for petroleum production by 50,273 tons of petroleum. Fourteen thousand meters of wells were drilled above the plan, the cost of production of each ton of petroleum was cut 3.8 percent, and labor productivity was increased 18.8 percent. Petroleum production was up 36.6 percent in 1948 over 1947, and gas production was up 60 percent. Above-plan accumulations of 3,969,000 rubles were achieved.

Workers of the Trust have pledged to fulfill the 1949 plan and produce 65,000 tons of petroleum above plan, drill 25,000 meters of well above plan, achieve a drilling rate of 1,400 meters per drill per month, increase labor productivity 5 percent for drilling, 4 percent for production of petroleum and gas, and 5 percent for construction; lower production costs 2 percent per ton of petroleum, 3 percent per meter of drilling, and 3 percent for construction; put into operation 1,300 cubic feet of living space, achieve above-plan accumulations of 2,500,000 rubles, and release 3,500,000 rubles of working capital.

GROZNYI PETROLEUM PLANTS RELEASE PROFITS TO GOVERNMENT -- Kommunist
Tadzhikistana, No 45, 6 Mar 49

The "Grozneftezavody" (Grozny Petroleum Plants) Association, Grozny Oblast, has transferred to the Ministry of Petroleum Industry 3 million rubles, which were released in January and February as a result of the acceleration of the turnover of working capital.

The enterprises of the association are working hard to speed up the production cycle, to liquidate excess reserves of materials, and to deliver finished products to the consumers as fast as possible.

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SHALE COMBINE COMPLETES FIRST-QUARTER PLAN -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 66,
20 Mar 49

Workers of the "Estonslanets" (Estonian Shale) Combine completed the first-quarter plan for shale mining. First-quarter production was 27.3 percent more than during the first quarter 1948. New equipment and techniques are constantly being introduced. In the Kyava-2 Mine two new mechanized pits with STR-30 Scraper conveyers have been put into operation. The mines of the Combine now have 14 mechanized pits.

LITHUANIAN PEAT OUTPUT INCREASES IN 1948 -- Sovetskaya Litva, No 39, 17
Feb 49

The Lithuanian SSR peat output was five times as great in 1948 as in 1947 and represented a considerable increase over the prewar level.

MOSCOW PEAT TRUST FULFILLS 1948 PLAN -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 56,
9 Mar 49

The Orekhovo-Zuyevskiy Peat Trust, Moscow Oblast, exceeded the 1948 plan for mining peat by 9 percent. The cost of the fuel was lowered 6.3 percent instead of the 1.5 percent called for by the plan, thus achieving a 5,653,000-ruble saving.

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